

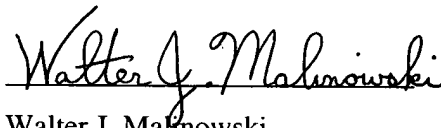
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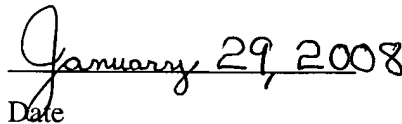
In this preliminary amendment, claims 28-31 have been added. Claims 1, 4, 5, 9-21, 26, and 27 have been amended for clarification. Claim 28 is supported by claim 17 and claims 29-31 are supported by Figure 2 and the original claims. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added.

An early and favorable allowance of the currently pending claims is earnestly requested.

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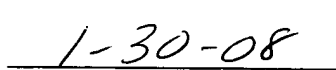
  
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